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For the city where the latest "Harry Potter" films are set, New York hasn't had much to offer fans of the series — until now. Steamy Hallows, an unofficial cafe inspired by the Wizarding World, just opened in the East Village with a mix of gothic, Halloween-y and magical elements. We take a look inside to see what's brewing and talk with themed bar mogul Zach Neil about his latest venture.

Presidents' Day protests
decry emergency declaration

1 Activists in Washington, Chicago and dozens of other U.S. cities protested on Monday's Presidents' Day holiday against President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency to secure funding for a U.S.-Mexico border wall. Calling Trump's declaration an abuse of power and usurpation of Congress, organizers with the nonprofit advocacy group MoveOn.org and other participants said it was important to let the

outrage over the move be heard. "We disagree with the state of emergency declared by the president and stand with our immigrant colleagues and friends," said Darcy Regan, executive director of Indivisible Chicago, which co-hosted the protest there. Trump invoked the emergency powers on Friday after Congress declined to fulfill his request for \$5.7 billion to help build the wall that was his signature 2016 campaign promise.

Weinstein sex assault trial
pushed back to June 3

2 Harvey Weinstein's trial on criminal sexual assault charges has been pushed back a month and is now slated to begin June 3, according to the New York Post. Prosecutors accuse Weinstein, 66, of forcibly performing oral sex on a woman in 2006 and raping another woman in 2013. Judge James Burke and prosecutors agreed to a new trial date in Manhattan Supreme Court after attorneys for the disgraced producer requested ad-

ditional time. Weinstein was in court in January with his new legal team, Jose Baez, Ronald Sullivan and Duncan Levin, though two of his new lawyers represented one of the disgraced Hollywood mogul's most vocal accusers, actress Rose McGowan. They replaced Ben Brafman, a criminal defense lawyer with clients including Michael Jackson, rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs and "pharma bro" Martin Shkreli, who withdrew from the case. **TERRY MOSELEY**



PRESIDENTS' DAY AT MT. VERNON

3 Members of the U.S. Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps take part in Presidents' Day events at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate in Virginia on Monday. Mount Vernon was the plantation of the first U.S. president.

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Queen to rock Oscars
with live performance

4 British rock band Queen will perform live at Sunday's Oscars ceremony, organizers said on Monday, following the blockbuster success of Best Picture nominee "Bohemian Rhapsody." "Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy? We welcome @QueenWillRock and @adamlambert to this year's Oscars!" the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences announced on its official Twitter feed. The band,

whose late frontman Freddie Mercury is the subject of "Bohemian Rhapsody," is now made up of original members Brian May and Roger Taylor with former "American Idol" star Adam Lambert taking on vocals. "Bohemian Rhapsody" has five Academy Award nominations, including a Best Actor nod for Rami Malek, who takes on the role of Mercury in the film. Mercury died of AIDS in London in 1991 at the age of 45.

Heavyweight boxer Fury
signs ESPN broadcast deal

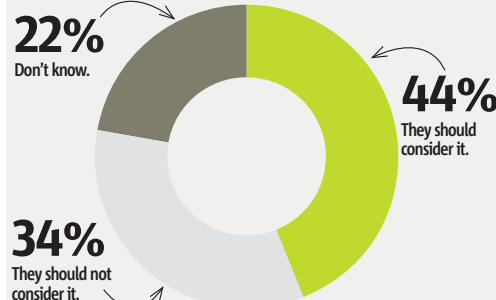
5 British heavyweight Tyson Fury has signed a broadcast deal under which his fights will be shown exclusively on ESPN platforms in the United States. No financial details were disclosed, but British newspaper the Daily Mail reported on Monday that the deal was worth 80 million pounds (\$103 million), while the BBC reported that it covered Fury's next five fights. Fury and promoter Frank Warren signed the deal

with Bob Arum's Top Rank Promotions, which has a multiyear contract with ESPN, and the agreement calls for Fury to fight a minimum of two bouts per year in the United States. British broadcaster BT Sport will continue to hold the rights for Fury's fights in the U.K. "I'm delighted," Fury said. "With ESPN and BT Sport behind me, the biggest sports platforms in the world are now linked up with the best heavyweight in the world."

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What's The Strand's next chapter?

The Strand is fighting being named a New York City landmark, and it's asking for your help at City Hall.



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With New York City losing longtime restaurants, family-owned businesses and independent entertainment venues almost daily, having your building designated as a landmark would seem like a rare lucky break.

But the owners of The Strand bookstore and its building are arguing just the opposite. The three-floor shop, famously home to "18 Miles of Books," is fighting against the Landmarks Preservation Commission design-



The Bass family owns The Strand as well as its building at 828 Broadway, and owner Nancy Bass Wyden says landmark status would jeopardize her business. R. BERENHOUTZ

nating its building at 828 Broadway as landmark. The final public hearing will be held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. on the ninth floor of 1 Centre St., and supporters of The Strand are being asked to come out and support keeping the building off the list.

The Strand's 11-story building dates to 1902, with an exterior in the Renaissance Revival style designed by the architect William H. Birkmire, who

has 10 other landmarked buildings in the city. Benjamin Bass opened The Strand in 1927, and moved it to its current home in 1957. It's the last surviving shop from what used to be Book Row, with 48 shops along Fourth Avenue from Union Square to Astor Place.

The reason The Strand is being considered now is because of a gleaming 21-story Union Square Tech Hub going up just

blocks away, which got preservationists concerned about the entire neighborhood turning into "Silicon Alley" and losing its character.

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP) had pushed for 183 buildings south of Union Square to be considered for landmarking; the Landmarks Preservation Commission agreed to consider just seven of them, including 828

Broadway.

Preserving buildings, the GVSHP has argued, protects businesses, too. According to surveys done by the group, retail vacancy is lower in landmarked buildings, implying whatever hardships these businesses may encounter with maintaining the building are outweighed by their benefits.

"I understand The Strand's frustration, but the simple fact is landmarking will not hurt their business," said GVSHP Executive Director Andrew Berman in a statement.

Ben Bass' daughter Nancy Bass Wyden now owns the shop, which employs 238 largely unionized staff and is not just a local bookstore, but a major attraction for the over 65 million tourists who came to the city in 2018.

Making her building a landmark would jeopardize The Strand, according to Wyden, by making future renovations slower and more costly. Landmarked buildings must apply to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to make any changes to the building's facade, and use only approved materials for repairs. Wyden told WNYC that she's consulted architects who told her, "Landmarking is a mess, try to get out of this."

"Maintaining the building would require hiring landmarking experts, architects and lawyers," Wyden wrote in a CNN op-ed. "This additional cost, on top of our already thin margins, could very well grind The Strand into bankruptcy."

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Bodega union wants marijuana licenses to extend to corner stores

Members of United Bodegas of America rallied in the Bronx to make the case for small-business pot shops.



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As New York moves closer to legalizing marijuana for recreational use, bodega owners are calling for Mayor Bill de Blasio to keep his promise to give small businesses and people of color the lead on making legitimate businesses from it. The United Bodegas of America held a rally on Sunday

to call for allowing bodegas to sell marijuana, unlike the specialized dispensary approach taken by many other states.

"All this money should not go to white-owned businesses," said UBA representative Fernando Mateo. "It should not go to corporate America. It should be shared with the underdogs."

The advocacy group argued that allowing them to sell pot once it's legalized will solve two problems in one swoop: the fear of large corporations profiting off of the backs of over-policed populations, and the giving of a new source of revenue to struggling small businesses. Historically, bo-

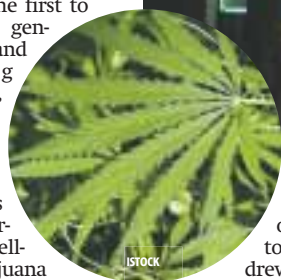
degas have been owned by and run for communities of color, and often are one of the first to suffer from gentrification and expanding chain stores, NPR reported.

"We have seen thousands being arrested for selling marijuana in front of our businesses," said Ramades Rodriguez, UBA president. "Bodega owners need increased revenue to survive. We have paid our dues."

According to the New York Post, the union was



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working on a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo requesting as much, and hoped to be included in conversations and negotiations about future licensing rules for marijuana sales.

"We will follow the rules, the regulations, and we will make sure

that none of that is broken," Mateo said. "But allow us to be part of a new industry that is coming into the city."

Allowing bodegas to sell recreational marijuana would align with the plan for legalization released by the de Blasio administration in December of last year, which focused on restorative

justice for people of color and priority for small businesses over large companies.

"We know that lower-income black and Latinx New Yorkers have been hit hardest by marijuana enforcement, and they should be the first to benefit from legalization," said New York Comptroller Scott Stringer.

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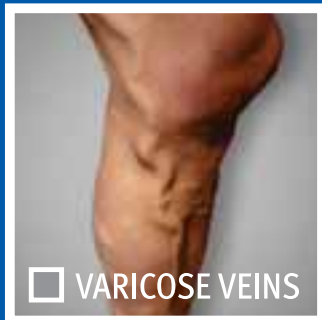
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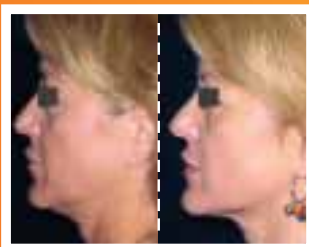
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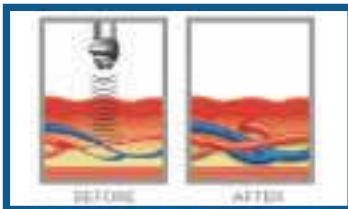


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NYPD

Funeral arrangements confirmed for NYPD detective

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Saint Rosalie Roman Catholic Church in Hampton Bays on Long Island.



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Funeral arrangements were announced for New York City Police Department Det. Brian Simonsen, who was killed by friendly fire while responding to a robbery attempt at a T-Mobile store located in Richmond Hill, Queens.

Simonsen's funeral will

be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Saint Rosalie Roman Catholic Church in Hampton Bays, New York.

Services for Simonsen began with a wake on Monday evening. Additional services will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

Simonsen, 42, spent 19 years at the 102nd Precinct in Richmond Hill. A growing memorial had been made outside of the precinct.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Simonsen and his partner, Sgt. Matthew Gorman, responded to a call about an armed robbery attempt at the T-Mobile store located at Atlantic Avenue and 120th Street in Richmond Hill. Both detectives had been conducting an inves-

tigation about a separate case in the area prior to receiving the call.

Authorities say the suspect, 27-year-old Christopher Ransom, pointed a fake gun while approaching officers and the two detectives. The responding officers fired a total of 42 rounds in 11 seconds in the direction of Ransom. Simonsen was fatally shot in the chest during the gunfire. He was rushed to Jamaica Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Simonsen was not wearing a bulletproof vest at the time of the incident.

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What IS This Treatment And How Can You Find Out If It Can Help You?

As studied as this treatment is... you may have an "Oh No!" reaction. Why? Because there is a very good chance you have heard of it. You may have even given it a try... and NOT gotten good results.

That's because this treatment is actually pretty common now a days. But... and this is a very big BUT... there is a very specific way to apply this treatment (as done in the study) that makes it so successful. And many are NOT doing it this way.

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All you have to do is give this a chance and schedule for the screening. But then again...

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Ex-Congressman Weiner released from prison after sexting scandal

"Carlos Danger" is now under residential re-entry management supervision.

Anthony Weiner, the disgraced former congressman who helped play a role in Hillary Clinton's defeat in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, was released from federal prison after serving about 14 months for exchanging sexually explicit texts with a 15-year-old girl.

Weiner, 54, has been released from the Federal Medical Center in Devens, Massachusetts, and is under the supervision of a residential re-entry management office in Brooklyn, according to prison records.

The seven-term congressman who ran unsuccessfully several times for New York City mayor will



Ex-Congressman Anthony Weiner.

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be free on May 14, records show, about three months earlier than his 21-month sentence. He had pleaded guilty to sending the texts and had faced up to 10 years in prison.

The FBI discovered a trove of emails belonging to his then-wife, Huma Abedin, a senior aide to Hillary Clinton, on Weiner's laptop. Then-FBI Director James Comey announced just weeks be-

fore the presidential election that his agency was reopening an investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server while she was U.S. secretary of state.

Clinton said the move contributed to her stunning loss to Republican Donald Trump.

Abedin filed for divorce. The couple has a 7-year-old son, Jordan.

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NEW YORK CITY - If you are interested in relieving back pain or neck pain, getting back to basic daily activities without discomfort and having more energy, than this this will be the most exciting message you ever read.

Here's why

There is a medical clinic in New York City called **NYC Pain MD**. Actually two of them... in different parts of the city. I'm not sure... but if I'm right... you may want to call them after reading this. If so, their phone number 877-907-2934.

Anyway... Here's What This Is All About

The doctors at **NYC Pain MD** have made a discovery of sorts. It's not a discovery as in they invented something new. It's a discovery about when and how they apply certain back pain treatments... that they have fine tuned... and perfected to get better results than they ever thought possible.

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That's right. **NYC Pain MD** offers this first step screening at no cost to patients. The only problem is... they often get over 100 inquiries a day as they also treat almost every painful area and joint. Sometimes its hard to get through. If you don't get through to someone when you call... keep calling... or leave a message... it will be well worth it.

This screening will give you so much relief just knowing what is going on... and what your best options are.

But that's just the first step

After your free screening, if you qualify, the doctors will discuss the best treatment plan for you in a way that you can understand completely. Not all complex "doctor talk".

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One of the reasons they offer those first step free screenings is because it has opened the door



NYC Pain MD offers innovative treatments for back and neck pain using modern techniques without hospitals or surgical centers.

to so many people that never would have gotten help otherwise.

At the very least, you will finally have some direction and a plan. And whether you have the best, worst or no insurance at all, **NYC Pain MD** programs can be made affordable to everyone

They do not want insurance issues... or not being rich or famous... to keep you away if you are suffering in pain.

There is a whole lot more I could say about their treatments etc... but this space is limited and that's best left for you and the doctors to discuss in person.

So... if you are even remotely interested... take the a first step give them a call at 877-907-2934.

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Chicago police seek follow-up interview with 'Empire' actor Jussie Smollett

Smollett reported he had been attacked by two men yelling racial and homophobic slurs.

Chicago police have shifted the direction of

their investigation into actor Jussie Smollett's report of a hate-crime assault and are seeking to interview him again, after releasing two men detained for questioning in the probe, a police spokesman said on

Saturday.

Smollett, 36, an openly gay African-American performer who plays a gay character on the musical hip-hop TV drama "Empire," ignited a furor on social media last month when he reported

he had been attacked on the street by two men yelling racial and homophobic slurs.

According to Smollett's account, his assailants struck him in the face, draped a rope around his neck and

doused him with an "unknown chemical substance" before fleeing. Police said the actor took himself to a hospital but was not seriously hurt.

Last week, police said they had arrested two Nigerian brothers described as "persons of interest" who were recognized from surveillance camera footage taken in the area of the alleged Jan. 29 assault.

The pair were freed two days later without charge, police told Reuters on Friday, in light of "new evidence" from their interrogation.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi denied a media report on Thursday that detectives were looking into whether Smollett had staged the attack, saying then that there was "no evidence to say this is a hoax."

On Saturday, Guglielmi issued a brief statement saying that "information received from the individuals questioned by police earlier in the 'Empire' case has in fact shifted the trajectory of the investigation." He added, "We've reached out to the 'Empire' cast member's attorney to request a follow-up interview."

Attorneys for Smollett said in a statement late on Saturday that he was "angered and devastated" by recent reports that the

alleged attackers were people he is familiar with, including a personal trainer he hired to prepare him for a music video.

"He has now been further victimized by claims attributed to these alleged perpetrators that Jussie played a role in his own attack. Nothing is further from the truth and anyone claiming otherwise is lying," said the lawyers, Todd Pugh and Jonathan Brayman.

Smollett and his attorneys anticipate being further updated by the Chicago Police Department on the status of the investigation and will continue to cooperate, they said.

Meanwhile, the New York Post reported that Smollett has also retained the services of criminal defense lawyer Michael Monico, a former Illinois federal prosecutor who is also representing President Donald Trump's former personal attorney and fixer, Michael Cohen.

Monico could not immediately be reached by Reuters for comment.

"Empire" debuted on the Fox network in 2015 and has earned multiple Emmy nominations. Smollett plays the character Jamal Lyon, a member of the family that is the focus of the show.

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Fiascos and fumbles: Oscar organizers stumble to restore glory

First it was the furor over a proposed new "Popular Film" category, then it was the fiasco over planned host Kevin Hart, and last month the organizers of the Oscars were accused of intimidating celebrities not to present at rival award shows.

Last week, another storm erupted when, as part of a pledge to shorten next Sunday's Oscars ceremony, plans to present awards for cinematography, film editing, live-action shorts and makeup/hairstyling during commercial breaks were slammed as insulting by actors, directors and cinematographers. Five days later, the plan was scrapped.

"This year, the bigger question than who will win at the Oscars is what the heck is going on at the Academy?"

Tim Gray, awards editor,
Variety

It's been a tough 12 months for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as it battles to restore its annual Oscars show to a must-see event after the U.S. television audience slumped to an all-time low last year.

"This year, the bigger question than who will win at the Oscars is what the heck is going on at the Academy?" said Tim Gray, awards editor at Hollywood trade publication Variety.

"There have been a slew of bungles," Gray added. "I feel they are flailing around and acting out of desperation."

Under pressure from the ABC television network to trim and liven up the ceremony, the academy has seen many of its efforts backfire.

Bungles include a retreat in September over a proposed new "Popular Film" category, the withdrawal in December of Oscars host Kevin Hart

because of past homophobic tweets, and an accusation in January by the U.S. actors union that the academy was pressuring celebrities not to appear or present at award ceremonies other than the Oscars.

The Oscars is the last in a long Hollywood season that sees award shows and celebrity-packed red carpets every week over two months.

"The Academy is caught between its role as a venerable institution that confers honors for the ages on film and the demands of the hurly-burly of social media, the 24/7 news cycle and the demands of the ratings," said Sharon Waxman, founder and editor in chief of Hollywood website The Wrap.

The Academy did not return a request for comment for this story, but said in a letter to members last week that show producers "have given great consideration to both Oscar tradition and our broad global audience."

ABC Entertainment President Karey Burke told reporters earlier this month she believed that the publicity around the Kevin Hart withdrawal showed the Oscars was still relevant.

"I, ironically, have found that the lack of clarity around the Oscars has kept the Oscars really in the conversation, and that the mystery has really been compelling," Burke said. "People really care."

The missteps have all but drowned out initial kudos over this year's diverse Oscar nominations list, which range from art-house films like "Roma" to superhero blockbuster "Black Panther" and crowd-pleasing musicals "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "A Star Is Born."

Awards watchers say the Academy's efforts to deliver a compelling show for viewers next week still risk falling flat.

"The Academy is dealing yet again with what appears to be a leading film that is a very small film, in Spanish, and in black and white, that has not been seen by that many people," Waxman

said, referring to Best Picture front-runner "Roma." Recent Best Picture winners include small art-house films "The Shape of Water" last year and "Moonlight" in 2017. REUTERS



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Cops allegedly told to 'shoot' 50 Cent

Deputy Inspector Emanuel Gonzalez has apparently been feuding with the rapper for months.



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The commander of a police precinct in Sunset Park is reportedly under investigation for ordering officers to kill Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson last June.

Deputy Inspector Emanuel Gonzalez reportedly told assembled police during a roll call meeting to "shoot him on sight."

"The inspector just said that at roll call," an anonymous source told the New York Daily News. "I'm like, WTF."

The incident in question occurred on June 7, 2018, the same day the rapper attended the "Bronx Smoker," a for-

charity police vs. police boxing event.

According to NYPD reps, "the incident is under internal review" by the Internal Affairs Bureau. No action has been taken and Gonzalez continues to serve on active duty.

Jackson, on hearing of the threat, posted on Instagram that he is considering taking legal action against Gonzalez.

A month before the alleged threat, Gonzalez filed a police report accusing Jackson of making threats against his life, af-

ter Jackson posted an image with the caption "Get the strap" in reference to allegations against Gonzalez made by the owner of a now-closed nightclub that the police commander demanded bribes.

A lawsuit claiming "selective enforcement" by Gonzalez's precinct was filed in December. No charges were filed, and Jackson took down the offending post.

Gonzalez has not commented on the matter, and it is unknown what, if any, action will be taken by the IAB.

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On Friday, March 8, at 9:30 a.m., GIA (Gemological Institute of America) will be bringing its annual Jewelry Career Fair to New York City's Javits Center. This daylong event will include a panel discussion on "Job Success in Today's Market" with some of the most influential leaders in the gem and jewelry industry, along with meet-and-greets with recruiters from such big names as Tiffany & Co., Hearts on Fire, The Real Real, Christian Dior Couture, JTV, Brilliant Earth and



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Those who attend the GIA Jewelry Career Fair will also have the opportunity to meet with career coaches who can assist those who may be trying to make a jump into the industry or need guidance in navigating

their career searches. These one-on-one counseling sessions can be scheduled early in the morning upon arrival.

This event is the perfect peek behind the curtain into an industry that may seem too daunting to pursue a career in and

will surely answer any burning questions you may have about the jewelry business.

"We really allow the opportunity for job seekers, or the general public, to get up close with these companies," explains Peter Harts,

manager of career services at GIA. "It's a great opportunity to hear from CEOs and meet members of the industry that have many years of experience and are well-respected in gems and jewelry. Just to be able to shake hands with them and really have a conversation, it allows the ability to start your own relationships and look for mentors and inspiration in the industry. [It will] open your eyes to other opportunities or avenues you may not have known were there."

Speakers at this year's Jewelry Career Fair panel will include Caryl Capeci, president of Hearts on Fire; Lisa Bridge, president and CEO of Ben Bridge Jeweler; Timothy B. Matthews, president and CEO of Jewelry Television; Lisa Nikfarjam, president of Lisa Nik Inc.;

and Daniel Wisner, assistant technical designer at Alexis Bittar, who is also a recent scholarship recipient and graduate of GIA. The panel is moderated by GIA's president and CEO Susan Jacques. This freewheeling discussion amongst some of the industry's brightest stars will shine a light on what it takes to be successful in the gem and jewelry industry.

"There's a wealth of knowledge in the room," explains Harts. "Whether you are looking for a job, inspiration, or looking to get more education on what the jewelry industry has to offer, it's a great event all around."

The GIA Jewelry Career Fair will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, March 8, at the Javits Center. To register and view the day's schedule, head over to gia.edu.

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Whatever happened to restaurant etiquette??? Don't people realize that it's bad manners to blow your nose while people are eating???

I was in a restaurant last week, and a gentleman kept coughing

up phlegm and blowing his nose repeatedly. It was disgusting! I can see a cough here and there and a nose-dab, but you could hear the snot coming up and out! I couldn't believe it! And you know when you give a person "the stare"... it had no effect.

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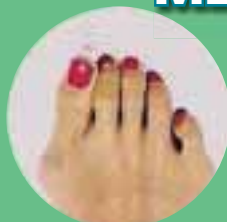


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Get ready for a whole lot of magic in a very small

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Located at 514½ E. Sixth St., Steamy Hallows riffs on the title of the final "Harry Potter" book, "Deathly Hallows," and is designed to feel like your local coffee shop if you were a witch or wizard

commuting through Diagon Alley.

It's also extremely cozy: There are stools for just four, plus a little more standing room, so expect to wait to enjoy the show of coffee drinks made with the flair of a magic trick.

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fee drinks — like a sweet Love Potion No. 9% infused with raspberry, and the instant favorite Sage Latte to cleanse your aura — in front of guests using potion-brewing methods like muddling herbs in a tiny cauldron and flashes of green fire.

Given the cafe's size, the baked goods options

consist of six kinds of cookie presented in a vintage crate that makes it feel as if you were ordering from the trolley witch on the Hogwarts Express.

It's all the work of themed bar mogul Zach Neil, who was also behind the Will Ferrell bar Stay Classy and the

still-kicking Tim Burton-inspired Beetle House, among many others.

Having been just a little too old for the series when the books were first published, Neil got into the Wizarding World about two years ago thanks to his then-7-year-old daughter, and has since become a fan

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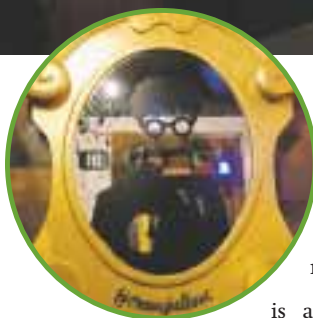
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himself (unlike Harry, he considers himself a Slytherin sorted into Gryffindor).

"For me, I wanted to do something where my

kids can actually go, and I wanted to do something that kind of tied into mixology because I love the aspect of bars and restaurants," he says.

Steamy Hallows is an unofficial passion project, though Neil says he did reach out to Warner Bros. and various other "Potter"-related entities to figure out where the copyright line is. Equal parts Halloween,

gothic chic and "Potter"-inspired, fans won't feel like they're missing out — there are Butterbeer lattes and cookies, wands and even floating candles.

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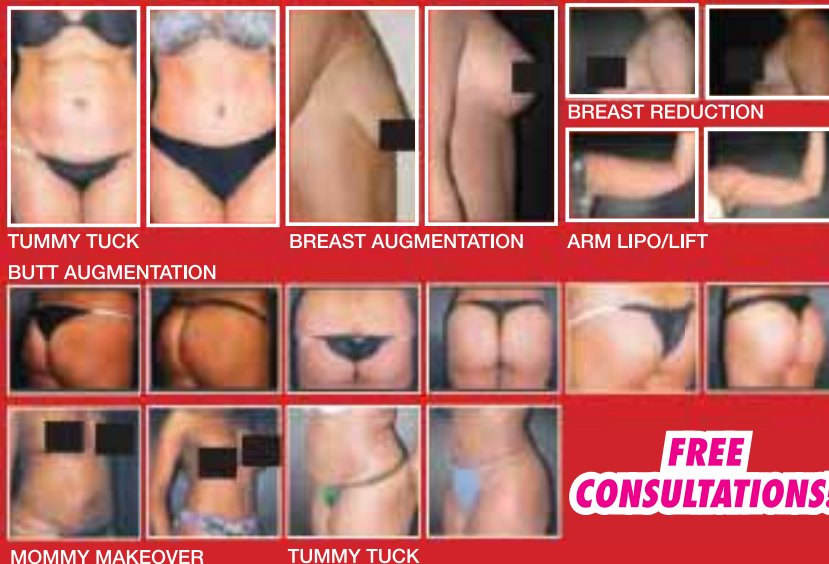
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Stephen Merchant enters the ring with 'Fighting with My Family'

"The Office" co-creator talks directing the new biopic of WWE star Paige.



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While Stephen Merchant wasn't a big wrestling fan growing up across the pond, the actor and director was instantly captivated by the story of Saraya Bevis, a.k.a. WWE icon Paige. When Merchant's pal Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson came to him with the idea of doing a biopic of her, Merchant jumped at the chance to direct "Fighting with My Family."

The film stars Florence Pugh as Paige and follows the wrestler's journey from obscurity in the

U.K.'s scene to landing the job of a lifetime with the WWE. While Paige is certainly the focus of the film, her wrestling-obsessed family is also a delightful highlight, played by "Game of Thrones" star Lena Headey and "Shaun of the Dead" actor Nick Frost. Eén "The Rock" gets in on the action, playing himself. We chatted with Merchant about the film and more.

Considering everything going on in the world, why do you feel it's so important to celebrate Paige's story?

I think it's taken on greater significance since we began the project. When we began, whatever it was, three years ago, that whole kind of Divas Revolution was just blossoming, again something that I had to catch up on. For me, it's not just about celebrating the empowerment of her as a woman but also as a working-class woman, certainly from the U.K. perspective, an uncelebrated working-class woman. It's interesting because in the U.K., there is a snobbery towards what she does. She's not being written about in the mainstream media and the broadsheets, and celebrated. It's funny because newspapers like The Guardian are always searching around for British women to celebrate the success of, and rightly so when they find a Claire Foy or whoever, and they rightly deserve the success and attention that they get. But it's interesting that there's this other corner

of entertainment that's not really being looked at. So that was important to me and exciting to me.

What made Florence such a perfect Paige?

It was very tough to find someone because I had in my head the real Paige, and at some point my casting director said, "Well look, I don't think we're going to find someone who's exactly like Paige, she's kind of unique. Let's find someone who will do their own interpretation of



"Fighting with My Family" is now in select theaters and opens nationwide Feb. 22. ROBERT VIGLASKY / METRO GOLDWYN MAYER PICTURES

who she is." So we needed someone who was willing to do the wrestling and train to do that, who had the acting ability to carry the movie, and have the charisma that you believe that she could become a superstar. Paige if nothing else is very charismatic and compelling. I saw maybe 60 young actresses either on tape or in person. Florence, in the end, she came back multiple times, auditioned with me, auditioned with Jack [Lowden], who played her brother.

In the end, she just won the day. I was just so impressed by her. I mean the fourth day of shooting was that big WWE Monday Night Raw match, which we shot at the Staples Center in L.A. She had to come out after like a month of training and recreate that match. She said at one point — she was lying on the mat and saw one 8-year-old boy screaming, "You suck!" And the real Paige was saying, "Well, that's pretty much what it's like when you're a wrestler."



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Jamie Bell is a brutal fighter with depth in 'Donnybrook'

The British actor hated shooting the fight scenes, though.



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"Donnybrook" is a brutal film.

Anytime Jamie Bell's Earl, a struggling veteran, and Frank Grillo's Angus, a drug dealer, are on-screen, violence seems inevitable. Especially when they're together, as the duo head to a bare-knuckle fight where the winner takes home \$100,000.

Writer and director Tim Sutton constantly unsettles his audience, with savagely bloody fights, cold-blooded murders, sadistic sex scenes, all of which is set to a soundtrack of opera, heavy metal and country.

But at the same time, "Donnybrook" is surprisingly poetic, as it provides

a vivid and honest look at truly desperate characters.

"We are making this film at a very specific moment in American history," Bell tells Metro. "Where the middle class has been marginalized and the lower classes are literally on the brink of



"Donnybrook" is now in select theaters. ifc

poverty. There is a man in the White House who stands for, I don't want to say fascist things, but bordering on fascism and has intensely right-wing and conservative values. Free-

dom has been stripped from people.

"But you should trust your neighbor. You should trust everyone. So making a film about the desperation of people felt very on-point. This is about people having to fight to stay alive."

Despite his character's penchant for fighting, Bell isn't too keen on throwing punches onscreen.

"I loathe fight scenes. I genuinely dislike filming them," he admits. "It doesn't feel like an acting challenge to me. It feels like we have to do that and then go back to the acting stuff."

"I know the two go hand in hand. The physicality of the character says a lot about who he is as a man and his experience and that's important. But I didn't do this movie to do a bunch of fight scenes. I did it because I thought it was an interesting portrait of being a desperate parent."

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Now that he's an "ambassador" for WW (formerly Weight Watchers), actor and director Kevin Smith has been doing press and talking about his 58-pound weight loss. The actor was prompted to shed the pounds after he suffered a massive heart attack a year ago at age 47. He didn't see it coming. For Heart Aware-

ness Month, we spoke to Dr. Samin Sharma, director of clinical and interventional cardiology at Mount Sinai Hospital, to find out warning signs and what you should do if you or someone you know starts exhibiting them.

What is a basic explanation of a heart attack

— what happens to the heart during one?

The heart muscle requires a constant supply of oxygen-rich blood to nourish it. The coronary arteries provide the heart with this critical blood supply. During a heart attack, blood flow to a part of the heart is completely cut off due to clot in the artery over the blockage. This causes damage to heart muscle.

Many people are aware of the obvious signs of a heart attack: pain in the chest and left arm. What are the subtler signs that we might not be aware of?

Other signs of heart attack are difficulty in breathing (dyspnea), abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, palpitation, dizziness, and perspi-

ration. Heart attack symptoms usually start gradually, with the intensity of those symptoms coming and going. Many people who experience a heart attack have warning signs hours, days or weeks in advance.

Is it possible to have a heart attack but exhibit no symptoms? What is a "silent" heart attack?

A silent heart attack is like any other heart attack, except it occurs without the usual symptoms. This can be detected at a routine checkup. Get regular physical exams to stay on top of your heart health.

Women and men can have different symptoms; what are they?

If you have a family history of heart disease or a history of cigarette smoking, high blood cholesterol, obesity, or other risk factors, your chances of having a heart attack are higher. As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some other symptoms. Studies have shown that women have atypical symptoms like dizziness, dyspnea, and fatigue.

Is there anything you should keep on hand in case of a heart attack (aspirin, etc.)?

Aspirin 325mg is your best friend if having a heart attack. If a nitroglycerine tablet is available, then put one tab under the tongue and repeat two to three times every three minutes. Then go to the emergency room.

If you suspect you are having a heart attack, what should you do? Besides taking aspirin, make sure to call for an ambulance or go to the nearest ER.

If you see someone else and suspect they are having a heart attack, how should you handle the situation?

In suspected cases, call 911 and go to the nearest hospital ER. Don't ignore or attempt to tough out the symptoms of a heart attack. The earlier a person receives advanced medical help, the greater the chances of survival.

What leads people to ignore signs of a heart attack?

Many times, atypical symptoms like stomach/abdominal pain or nausea can confuse the people and signs of heart attack are ignored. Also, many times patients have symptoms but they are preoccupied in other tasks of their life that [they] delay in seeking medical care.

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L.J. Figueroa and St. John's are back on the map after a win over Villanova. GETTY IMAGES

St. John's bringing magic back to MSG

A comeback win over Villanova on Sunday likely good enough to get St. John's into NCAA Tournament.

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Believe it or not, the epicenter of those tremors felt throughout New York City on Sunday evening was at Madison Square Garden.

No, the New York Knicks weren't in the building. They haven't won a game at the Garden since Dec. 1. Nor were the Rangers, who were beaten 6-5 by the Penguins in Pittsburgh earlier in the day.

The source of the rafter-shaking noise coming from the "World's Most Famous Arena" was St. John's, who provided a reminder that college basketball still carries plenty of clout around the Big Apple.

The dormant Big East program — led by a head coach in Chris Mullin, who once led them to their highest peak in the 1980s as a player — overcame a 19-point deficit on Sunday to defeat No. 13 Villanova, the defend-

ing national champions, in a 71-65 triumph that likely punched their ticket to the NCAA Tournament.

It was the first time since 2002 that the Red Storm took down Villanova in New York City, as they await their first invitation to the Big Dance since 2015.

Sunday's victory further bolstered St. John's résumé as a legitimate tournament contender. Villanova was the second ranked team St. John's defeated this season — having taken down Marquette twice in Big East play — and provided the fifth Quadrant One win for the Queens school.

St. John's used a 20-5 second-half run to overturn a 48-34 second-half deficit against one of the best teams in the nation. While star guard and leading scorer Shamorie Ponds was limited to just 11 points on the night, L.J. Figueroa (22) and Mustapha Heron (19) combined for 41 of St. John's points on the night.

A third three-pointer of the game made by Figueroa — who had nine of the Red Storm's 20 points during that run — with 3:53 remaining in the game gave St. John's a 58-57 lead that

it would not relinquish.

Heron helped ice the game at the line with four clutch free throws in the final 1:27 as he scored 10 of his 19 points in the evening's last 11 minutes, much to the adoration of the Madison Square Garden crowd.

College basketball isn't the first sport that comes to mind when thinking about the New York City landscape. Much of that has to do with the irrelevancy of its programs over the past 20 years. The Red Storm have made the NCAA Tournament just four times since 2000.

But the re-emergence of the program in 2018-19 helped bring out 19,182 fans to the Garden on Sunday as the building experienced a decibel level that hadn't been heard since the Rangers were in the playoffs in the spring of 2017.

And it didn't go unnoticed by the Johnnies.

"The energy was crazy in here. I never played in anything like it," Heron said. "I can probably say that for most of our team, it was fun. The fans, they came out, they were amped. I think we gave them what they deserved."

Islanders, Duchene in works?

With just one week before the NHL trade deadline, it's now or never for the New York Islanders to make that big splash needed to become a serious Stanley Cup contender.

Shortly after TSN's Darren Dreger reported that the Ottawa Senators are likely going to trade star center Matt Duchene, hockey insider Dave Pagnotta revealed that the Islanders are "very interested" in the 28-year-old and have engaged in negotiations.

The Senators initially had hoped they would sign Duchene to a long-term deal over the past few weeks, including rumors of an eight-year deal apparently on the table. But the Senators are one of the worst teams in hockey and don't hold their first-round pick this season after sending it to the Avalanche.

Trading Duchene allows the Senators to start a proper rebuild. He is putting up a career year with 27 goals and 29 assists (56



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points) in 49 games and should fetch at least a first-round pick and a prospect for Ottawa.

It would be a steep price for the Islanders to pay considering Duchene could walk in free agency this summer. But it would be hard to believe Lou Lamoriello would pull the trigger on such a move if he wasn't confident that the Islanders could retain Duchene.

An inconsistent offense, especially on the power play, has provided the organization's lone hindrance throughout this turnaround campaign. Duchene has eight more goals than Anders Lee, the Islanders' leading goal scorer, and six more points than leading point-getter Mathew Barzal.

He would provide the Islanders with an explosive first-line center at both even strength and on the power play as he would be flanked by Lee and Jordan Eberle. His addition would allow the Islanders to take Brock Nelson and move him from first-line center to second-line left-winger alongside Barzal and Josh Bailey.

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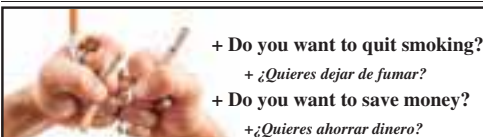
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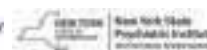
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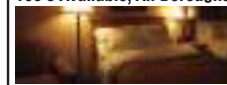
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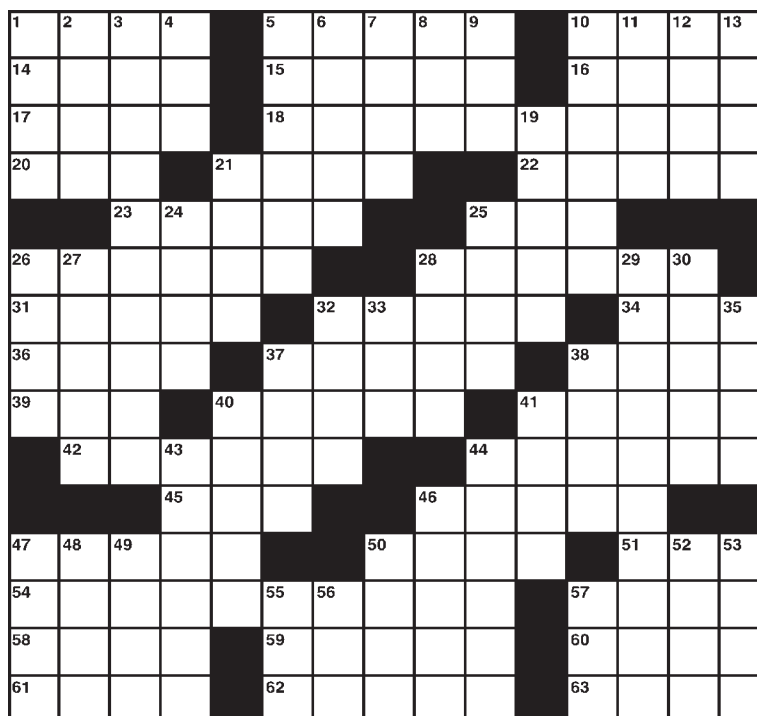
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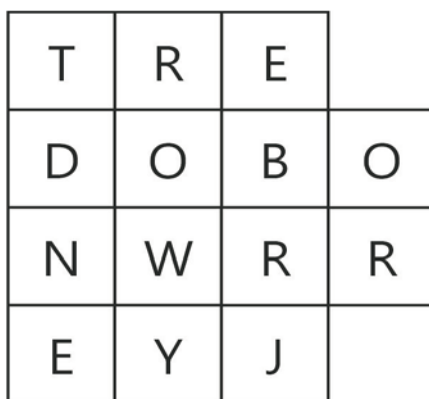


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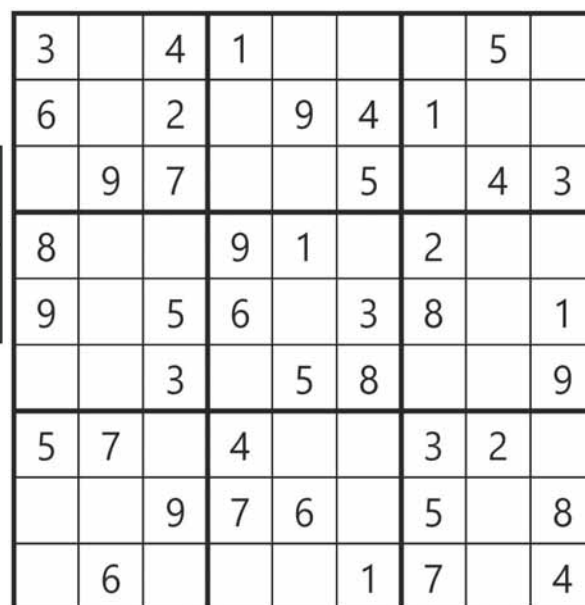
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